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1. The Moravian Electro-Technical Works (MEZ) plant at Vilsnice, near Decin (N 51/F 56), is located on the road from Decin to Usti nad Labem near the Elbe River and the railroad station.
2. The central plant and the main administrative offices of the Moravian Electro-Technical Works are located in Brno and all plants are subject to the authority of the Ministry for Heavy Engineering. The Vilsnice plant was formerly a part of OKD, but it was taken over by MEZ after the Communist coup in 1948.
3. The Vilsnice plant consists of a large three-story building which contains office space and workshops. A small building nearby contains the garage and maintenance section. The main building is divided as follows.
 - a. The ground floor contains the personnel section, workshops, the mess hall and the thyratron section.
 - b. The second floor contains offices, the laboratory, the development section, the prototype section and the testing section.
 - c. The third floor contains storage space for materials. The space available is 20 by 10 by 12 meters.
4. This plant produces thermometers, transformers, thyratrons, rectifiers (usmernovace) and mercury contacts (rtutove spinace). Materials used are provided by the Povrly Production in Usti nad Labem, and others. The chief raw materials are tungsten, molybdenum, copper and akce. Raw materials are received at the plant at irregular intervals and are believed to be of poor quality.

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5. On the ground floor the workshops are equipped with a number of Siemens milling machines and lathes which were taken over from the former Siemens plant at Rokytnice nad Jizerou (O 51/G 46). At the end of August 1952 a large machine, believed to be a milling machine, was added to the equipment.
6. The thyratron section on the ground floor has approximately 10 employees, mostly women, who are engaged in milling, grinding, pumping and strewing sand.
7. Three people work in the laboratory.
8. The development section tests finished products for possible other uses and with a view to determining whether the durability of the products can be increased. Rectifiers sent from Hungary for the purpose are tested in this section and returned.
9. Approximately 12 persons are employed in the prototype section, where they make windings for transformers. Thin wires of various colors, including green and black, were seen in this section, stored in large crates. The employees in this section are skilled electricians, mostly women.
10. Two persons are employed in the testing section. They test all finished products.
11. Finished products are transported to the railroad station by truck, and raw materials are brought to the plant in the same way. The plant has only one truck, so large shipments are transported by vehicles belonging to the shipping or receiving plants.
12. Electricity is supplied by the power station in Usti nad Labem and water is received from the waterworks in Decin.
13. Approximately 100 persons are employed at the plant. Work is done in one shift from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. The average wages for a worker are 3,000 to 5,000 Kcs. per month. Engineers and specialists earn between 4,500 and 5,000 Kcs. per month.
14. [Redacted]

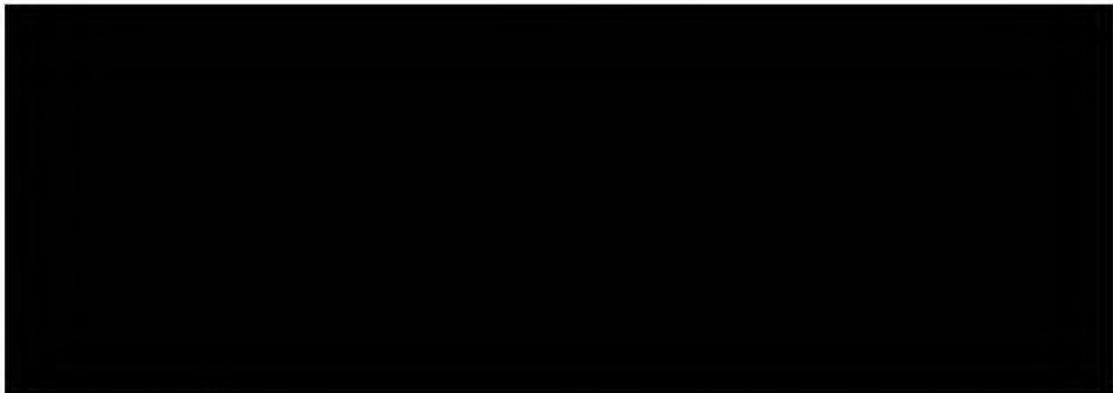
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15. All employees are issued passes light blue in color which are identical for workers and office employees. Outsiders are not permitted to enter the plant and official visitors must be accompanied by the chief of the security section. Private visitors must be received in the gatekeeper's room. The plant police has five members, four men and one woman.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Three element hot cathode tubes.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Axle resembles thin zinc wire.

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